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REFORMS IN HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has come out with an ambitious plan to restructure and reform the country's higher education sector as reported in The Times of India dated July 7, 2007 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Plan Panel's proposal has been finalised after consultation with the Chairman, UGC and Education Secretary;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to introduce common entrance examination for all Central Universities and a uniform system of semesters and grades; and

(f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the objectives thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (d): The Planning Commission has indicated that the Central assistance during the XI Plan will have a very strong reform component and is subject to states agreeing for a minimum set of reforms to restructure higher education system covering admission, revision in curricula, teaching methods, quality faculty, training, selection of Vice-Chancellor, research and development, networking etc. The XIth Five Year Plan proposals has been formulated accordingly.

(e)&(f): No such proposal is under consideration.